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SUBJECT: 4TH SESSION COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

1. FAO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE (COAG) BEGAN APRIL 20 WITH A STATEMENT BY THE FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL, EDOUARD SAOUMA. SAOUMA ASKED COAG TO ESPECIALLY COMMENT ON HIS PRIORITIES FOR THE FAO IN 1978/79: REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST LOSSES, A FUND TO IMPLEMENT AN ACTION PROGRAM TO REDUCE THESE LOSSES AND THE PROMOTION OF SMALL FARMER DEVELOPMENT AS IT WILL RELATE TO PREPARATIONS FOR A WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE RELEVANT QUOTES ON THESE TOPICS FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S STATEMENT ARE SET FORTH BELOW IN PRA 4.

2. DELEGATION WAS INTERESTED TO MEET RUSSIAN, IVAN P. LOUP-ASHKO-STALSKY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, OBSERVOR TO COAG, WHICH IS FIRST TIME THAT USSR HAS ATTENDED A SESSION. USSR MAY, AS UN MEMBER, REQUEST IN WRITING TO PARTICIPATE IN COAG AND DID IN THIS CASE.

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ATTENDING COAG AND FAO SECRETARIAT INFORMS U.S. DELEGATION THAT IT ONLY REQUESTED OBSERVOR STATUS.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

TWO AREAS HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION IN THIS SESSION. THE REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST LOSSES, WHICH

IS THE FIRST OF THESE, OFFERS A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE FOOD AVAILABILITY TO THE POOR AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD BY ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF WASTE THROUGHOUT THE FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEM. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROPOSED ACTIVITY HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNISED AND IN THE 70TH COUNCIL OF FAO IN NOVEMBER 1976 A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST FUND OUT OF WHICH TO FINANCE A MAJO PROGRAM IN THIS AREA. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED BOTH TO THE PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST LOSSES AND TO THE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR A MECHANISM WHEREBY FAO COULD IMPLEMENT SUCH AN ACTION PROGRAM. YOUR CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEED, FEASIBILITY, CONTENT, AND BEST OPERATION OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM, ARE EXPECTED TO ASSIST THE FORTHCOMIG COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE IN THEIR DECISIONS WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WILL GENERATE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR ITS ADOPTION. THE PROGRAM COULD ENABLE DEVELOPING NATIONS TO COME CLOSER TO ACHIEVEMENT OF MORE SATISFACTORY NUTRITION AND MORE RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECOND MAJOR SPECIFIC AREA CALLING FOR YOUR ANALYSIS AND SUGGESTIONS IS CENTERED ON THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE PROMOTION OF SMALL FARMER DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF PREPARATIONS FOR A WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WHERE MANY OF THE ISSUES RELATED TO SMALL FARMER DEVELOPMENT WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF DISCUSSION. THUS WE INVITE YOU NOT ONLY TO VIEW THIS OCCASION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FAO'S PRESENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES AIMED AT BRINGING HOPES FOR BETTER DEVELOPMENT TO SMALL FARMERS, BUT ALSO TO SUGGEST TO US WHAT GOVERNMENTS AND THE SECRETARIAT COULD MOST USEFULLY DO TO PREPARE FOR A FULL-SCALE SUBSTANTIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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